(*e*) Several Sanitary Circle Officers and Sanitary Assistants who had retired were re-entertained for work when there was a keenly felt paucity of technically qualified personnel. Most of them were disbanded as soon as it was possible to do so.

(*f*) *Sanitary Circle Officers.*

1. Mr. P. V. Jacob.
2. „ R. Subramonia Aiyar, and
3. „ V. Padmanabha Aiyangar.

Sanitary Assistants.

1. Mr. M. Arjunan Pillai.
2. „ Mahomed Bava, and
3. „ N. G. Kesava Pillai.

Health Unit in Ambalapuzha.

233. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Ambalapuzha to sanction a health unit within the limits of the Village Union, Ambalapuzha; and

(*b*) if they have received one what action has been taken on it ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether there is any provision made in the budget for 1122 if the representation is in favour of the health unit ?

Rajysevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : Yes, Sir. Provision has been made to extend mosquito control over a larger area in a number of taluks.

Smallpox and Plague.

234. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was outbreak of smallpox and plague in our State in 1120 and 1121 ;

(*b*) if so, which were the places affected ; and

(*c*) whether vaccination is made compulsory in all such areas where there are frequent outbreaks of smallpox.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All the taluks were affected by smallpox in 1120 and 1121, while the Alleppey Municipal Town alone was affected by Plague in those years.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know which are the taluks which are largely affected by the epidemic in 1120 and 1121 ?

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Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: In the Neyyattinkara taluk there were 203 attacks and 96 deaths in 1120, and 87 attacks and 37 deaths in 1121.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether vaccination is in force in those areas ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: Yes. Compulsory vaccination has been in force for the last seven years. Every year the circular is renewed.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether there are cases of prosecution for refusal to take vaccination in those areas ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: Many cases are pending decisions and many people were prosecuted.

T. B. statistics in the State.

235. ✻ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have collected statistics of T. B. affected persons in the State ;

(*b*) if so, when the statistics were taken and what is the number of such persons; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the number of such patients is on the increase ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: *(a)* Statistics of mortality from Tuberculosis are collected and published from year to year as per the existing scheme of Vital Statistical Registration. Morbidity statistics regarding this disease have not been collected.

(b) The recorded deaths as due to Tuberculosis during the last 5 years are given below :—

Year	*No. of deaths from Tuberculosis.*
1116	4293
1117	3418
1118	3368
1119	3943
1120	3760

(c) The mortality figures do not indicate any substantial increase in prevalence of the disease recently.

Malaria

233. ✻**Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) in which taluks malaria is prevalent at present; and

(b) the measures adopted for combating the epidemic

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